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Honorable John E. *Woss*
Chairman
Foreign Operations and Government
Information Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 8 August 1963 concerning the Subcommittee's study of the policies and practices of federal agencies in gathering and disseminating information to the public and the Congress.

Part I of the questionnaire pertains to agency systems for developing, preparing and releasing information to the public. The Central Intelligence Agency has no public information responsibility. The Agency's primary function is the collection, correlation and evaluation of intelligence. This function is set forth in section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947, which established the Agency. Section 102(d) states, in part, that:

"For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security, it shall be the duty of the Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council--

(1) to advise the National Security Council in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as relate to national security;

(2) to make recommendations to the National Security Council for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security;

(3) to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities...." (Emphasis added)

Section 102(d) also states that in coordinating these intelligence activities the Director of Central Intelligence is responsible "...for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."

Part II of the questionnaire concerns Congressional information. Again, this Agency has no formally assigned information function. The Agency is responsible to designated Subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and to the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate. These Committees are kept informed on all aspects of the Agency's activities. In addition, the Agency has, on request, provided certain committees of the Congress with intelligence briefings on subjects within their sphere of responsibility. As an example, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is given intelligence briefings on atomic energy developments abroad.

The Agency's legislative liaison is conducted by a small core of professional and clerical personnel with assistance given by other Agency elements as needed. The total work effort of those engaged in this work on a full time basis consists of approximately 13,000 man hours per year at an annual cost of approximately \$74,489.

We have already mentioned the Director's responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. Our enabling statute, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, also provides that:

"Section 6. In the interests of the security of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States and in order further to implement the proviso of section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Congress, first session) that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, the Agency shall be exempted from the provisions of sections 1 and 2, chapter 795 of the Act of August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 986, 987; 5 U.S.C. 654), and the provisions of any other law which require the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency; Provided, That in furtherance of this section, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connection with the Agency under section 607, Title VI, chapter 212 of the Act of June 30, 1945, as amended (5 U.S.C. 947(b))."

In line with these statutory provisions, the Agency may not disclose the type of detailed information requested in Part III of the Subcommittee's questionnaire. However, in view of the fact that CIA is a prime target of penetration by the opposition, the security standards and programs of the Agency are specific, firm and the subject of constant review. In furtherance of his responsibilities, the Director of Central Intelligence has issued directives for uniform control of dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information within the intelligence community. These directives, of necessity, are classified.

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I hope that this response will be of assistance to the Subcommittee in connection with the current study. If we may be of further assistance we shall be pleased to oblige.

Faithfully yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Attached is a suggested response to the most recent Moss Subcommittee questionnaire on public information and Congressional information programs. The questionnaire also requested information on our security classification procedures. As in the case of the previous polygraph questionnaire we have worked closely with the Subcommittee staff in the preparation of this narrative response. Our draft reply was in the Subcommittee's hands on the original deadline date of 16 September. This deadline has been extended informally. We have included man-hour and cost figures for the legislative function at the urging of the Subcommittee. While there is a close legal question as to whether we should be required to submit this information, we are of the opinion that it does no damage and on balance have negotiated a very reasonable response from the Agency's standpoint. Recommend signature.


Legislative Counsel

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